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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7719

BILL NUMBER: HB 1673

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 18, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Emergency Ambulance Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Cheatham

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires a certified provider of emergency ambulance services to include a paramedic as part of the personnel on each ambulance, beginning July 1, 2010. The bill also allows a county, city, or town to request permission to impose an ad valorem property tax levy if the county, city, or town needs the increase to pay for training for paramedics for emergency ambulance services.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Currently, 77 counties in Indiana are served by paramedic certified ambulance services; and 15 counties have basic, intermediate, or advanced EMT services, but not Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission paramedic certified ambulance services. Not all emergency ambulance services are provided by governmental units, but governmental units may have to provide for paramedic certified ambulance services under the provisions of the bill.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy:* Under the bill, a county, city, or town may, for the purposes of paying for training of paramedics on ambulances, request permission from the Local Government Control Board to impose an ad valorem property tax levy that exceeds the limits imposed by civil government property tax controls. The increase applies to tax levies imposed for taxes first due and payable in 2008, 2009, and 2010. All levies would return to normal by 2011. Any property tax collected under this section may not be considered in determining a unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property

tax levy for future periods.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, cities, and towns.

Information Sources: Department of Homeland Security.

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